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Ocean Protection, Clean Beaches – State Board to fund projects for \$12 million

– At least \$10 million of the \$43.1 million in Proposition 50 funding is reserved for ocean protection projects. Several of the five projects currently proposed for approval are related to stormwater:

- La Jolla Shores ASBS Dry Weather Flow and Pollution Control Program \$3.6M
- Epidemiology Study of Swimmer Health Risk from Nonpoint Sources of Bacteria \$3M.
- North Coast Stormwater Coalition's Non-Point Source Pollution Prevention Prog.\$0.4M
- Implementation of rapid indicator methodology for measuring fecal bacteria Statewide \$1.5M
- Monitoring and mitigation to address fecal pathogen pollution along California coast \$1.5M.

In addition, the Board is proposing to fund two projects as part of the Clean Beaches Initiative Grant Program,:

- Poche Beach Ultraviolet Light Bacteria Disinfection System (Orange Co.) \$1.5M
- Alta Vista Park Diversion and Re-Use Project (City of Redondo Beach) \$0.8M

All described on the Board's meeting agenda: <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/agendas/2006/june/062106mtg.html>
Grant and Loan Program: <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/funding/index.html>

Areas of Special Biological Significance (ASBS) – State issues draft of proposed special protections

– The proposal addresses permitted storm water discharges and nonpoint source discharges, including discharges resulting from habitat modification. These special protections would apply to the dischargers who submitted applications for an exception to the Ocean Plan's ban on discharges to ASBS. Staff level stakeholder meetings will be held in late July: http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/plnspols/oplans/docs/special_protections_jun142006_draft.pdf

LA Trash TMDL – Scoping meeting – The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board has announced a scoping meeting regarding the “functionally equivalent” substitute environmental documents supporting the LA River Trash TMDL. They request information regarding several topics including how jurisdictions would comply with the TMDL and “reasonably foreseeable significant environmental impacts associated with those means of compliance.” The TMDL requires storm water permittees to phase-out all trash loading to the river over a 10 year period. The meeting is scheduled for June 28, 2006 in Los Angeles. Notice: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/html/meetings/tmdl/LARiver/06_0616/CEQA_Scoping_Meeting.pdf

EPA Nonpoint Source News-Notes – Focus on storm water issues – This regular newsletter addresses topics of interest to storm water managers. Current topics include EPA's *Handbook for Developing Watershed Plans to Restore and Protect Our Waters* and Portland's efforts to capture and infiltrate as much stormwater as possible. One technique is roadside “rain gardens” fed by runoff draining through curb cuts. Posted at: <http://www.epa.gov/owow/info/NewsNotes/issue78/78issue.pdf>

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